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Other Characters by the Full Company.

Dress circle, 4s; stalls, 3s; pit, 1s.

Box plan at Nicholson's Music Warehouse.

Carriages at 10s.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC TO LET: share with first-class Company. Fred. Gruen, manager.

SYDNEY LIEDERTAFEL CONCERT, Etc.

THIS (Wednesday) EVENING, 19th September.

For the convenience of Members and Subscribers it is notified that trains will leave Bridge-street,

1.30 p.m. (special)

7.30 p.m.

AT GRAND CONCESSION, Y. M. C. A. HALL.

PUPILS OF WILLIAM-STREET PUBLIC SCHOOL.

assisted by the following distinguished artists:-

Mr. J. A. BROWN, Mr. ING. VARNER, Mr. W. WALSH, Mr. D. C. BURTON, and Mr. E. A. EDWARD.

ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 1888.

Chairman—S. BURKE, Mr. W. J. LEWIS, Principal.

AT SOCIETY OF NEW-SOUTH WALES.

NINTH ANNUAL EXHIBITION.

ORIGINAL OIL and WATER-COLOUR PICTURES.

NOW OPEN NOW OPEN NOW OPEN

between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.

ADMISSION—ONE SHILLING.

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UNION-CHAMBERS, 76, PITT-STREET, next Hunter-street.

Members and Art Union Subscribers admitted free on production of their tickets.

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GRAND CRYSTAL PALACE SKATING RINK, NEXT TO OPERA HOUSE, YORK-STREET.

OPEN EVERY MORNING, AFTERNOON, and EVENING.

THE MOST FASHIONABLE RINK IN SYDNEY.

Grand Crystal Palace Rink: used every afternoon and evening; conductor, Mr. G. Vassie.

SESTONS—Morning, 10 to 12: Ladies and Children, Free;

Afternoon, 2 to 5; Evening, 7 to 9.

SKATING—ONE SHILLING OR HIRE.

Admission, 1s.

TO-NIGHT. TO-NIGHT.

FIRST GRAND ORIENTAL FANCY and EVENING DRESS MARMALADE SKATING RINK, and BALL, GARDEN, and other attractions, will be given for the first time in any Rink in the World.

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THE GREAT SKIPPING ROPE RACE, PRIZE DRAWING.

REHEARSING FOR GOLD.

Original and amusing event of the season.

AND A HOST OF NOVELTIES.

Do not miss the grand opening of the Crystal Rink over-wrought in the world. The vast building will be illuminated with 10,000 incandescent lights.

Starting—11 to 11.30 p.m., including Refreshments of Ball, Spectators, 1s.

Season Tickets admitted to Crystal Rink, and payment of 1s. will entitle to admission to the grand opening.

Doors open at 7.30, commencing 8 o'clock.

Tickets can only be obtained from the Manager, Faling and Co., and Nicholson and Co.

THE CARNIVAL LAST NIGHT

GREATEST SUCCESS EVER OBTAINED

BY ANY CARNIVAL.

CROWDED FROM Top to Bottom.

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THE CARNIVAL REPEATED NEXT TUESDAY.

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SOCIETY SKATING RINK, DOUBLE DAY.

TO-NIGHT. TO-NIGHT.

WEDNESDAY.

WAVERLEY BRASS BAND.

WATERMAN, Manager.

NEW BRIGHTON PAVILION (adjoining the hotel), Lady Robinson, open every Saturday afternoon.

Dancing and Skating. Admission (use of skates included), 1s. Young Australian Band engaged.

THE POPULAR PLEASURE REPORT.

THE MARVELLOUS PERFORMING SEALS EACH AFTERNOON.

TO-MORROW (Sunday) EVENING,

THE MANLY BEACH CYCLE CLUB.

representations from the leading clubs of Sydney, will make the first moonlight run to the Aquarium, arriving about 8 p.m. N.S.W. members are requested to meet at the Circular Quay, 8 o'clock sharp.

SATURDAY NEXT,

Special Engagement of the Manly Beach Club.

(19 in number).

For full particulars see TUESDAY'S paper.

TRAMS have Arrived for the Aquarium each afternoon at 1.45, 2.5, 2.24, 2.55, 3.25, and 4.5.

A. E. STOFFORD, Manager.

CARRINGTON ATHLETIC GROUND.

SEPTEMBER HANDBACk.

CONCLUDING HEATS FIRST ROUND.

TO-NIGHT. TO-NIGHT.

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Commencing at 8 o'clock,

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ALL THE MOST NOTED SPRINTERS OF THE DAY ARE ENGAGED.

SECOND NIGHT, MONDAY, 17th instant.

THIRD NIGHT, WEDNESDAY, 19th instant.

FINAL NIGHT, SATURDAY, 21st instant.

Gates open at 7 o'clock.

First Heat at 8 o'clock.

Admission to the Ground, 1s.

To Grand Stand and Covered Terrace, 2s 6d.

With Programmes, G. N. WARN, Secretary.

FOR THE GARDEN, LAWN, VENARDAH PUBLIC RECREATION GROUND, and PARK.

NEWTON and LAMIN'S GARDEN SEATS, 6s long, rustic, cast-iron standards, only 1s.

NEWTON and LAMIN'S LAWN SEATS, 6s long, with rustic, cast-iron arms and standards, only 1s.

NEWTON and LAMIN'S VENARDAH SEATS, 6ft. long, shaped seat and rail-over back, rustic, cast-iron standards, only 1s.

NEWTON and LAMIN'S VENARDAH LONG-ARM LOUNGERS. A luxury in hot weather.

NEWTON and LAMIN also draw attention to the SELF-ADJUSTING HAMMOCK CHAIR (Patented), as being particularly well suited to the climate.

Advisedly to any person.

Works automatically.

can be suspended from the limb of a tree, or from any other suitable projection.

Portable Suspension Stand to enable the chair to be used anywhere can be obtained at 1s.

PRICE: 1s. 6d. per set.

CANVAS FOLDING CHAIRS for VERANDAH or SHIPBOARD.

BATTAN VERANDAH LOUNGES, from 1s 6d. and a large variety of HAMMOCK CHAIRS from 1s 6d. Special designs extra quality.

SUPERIOR WHITE BAMBOO BLINDS, 6 x 4, 8 x 6, 8 x 2, 10 x 6, 12 x 8, at low prices.

JAPANESE BLINDS (extra quality), fitted with pulleys and cords—6 x 6, 8 x 6, 8 x 8, 9 x 6, 10 x 6, 12 x 8, 13 x 8, 14 x 10, 15 x 12.

NEWTON and LAMIN, FURNITURE and PIANO MANUFACTORY, SPRING and OCEANIC SYSTEMS.

SHOWROOMS and MANUFACTORY.

SPRING and OCEANIC SYSTEMS.

GREAT BARGAINS in Spring until 9 this Evening at Gimpell Brothers' Dissolvent of Portmanteau.

## HER MAJESTY'S THEATRE.

CORNER of Pitt and Market streets.

Box Office open 7.15, commences 7.30. Carriage 10s.

ABSOLUTELY NO FREE LIST, PRESS EXCEPTED.

ANOTHER GREAT SUCCESS.

Press and Public unanimous.

EVERY EVENING, at a QUARTER to EIGHT O'CLOCK, an entirely new dramatization of Mrs. Harriet Beecher Stowe's celebrated story,

UNCLE TOM'S CABIN

## Government Notices.

Railway Department, Sydney, 18th September, 1888.

## MELBOURNE EXHIBITION.

CHEAP EXCURSION TRAINS.

SPECIAL TRAINS, consisting First and Second Class Passengers, will leave Sydney at 11.35 a.m. on THURSDAY, 20th September, and every following THURSDAY until further notice, calling at intermediate stations, as under:

Campbelltown, 12.2 p.m.  
Picton, 12.50 p.m.  
Mittagong, 1.20 p.m.  
Marulan, 4.5 p.m.  
Goulburn, 5.15 p.m.  
Yass, 5.35 p.m.  
Harden, 7.30 p.m.  
Bathurst, 8.30 p.m.  
Wagga, 10.30 p.m.  
Albury, 12.30 a.m.

The Victorian train will leave Albury at 11.35 a.m., and run to the border, arriving at 1.30 p.m.

The excursion ticket will be valid for one month, and will be issued by these trains at the following reduced rates:

FIRST CLASS ... \$2 0 0  
SECOND CLASS ... 1 0 0

Children under 13 years of age, half fare.

These cheap tickets will be available only by special trains running between 4.15 p.m. on each THURSDAY until further notice.

These must be purchased not later than 4 p.m. on the WEDNESDAY preceding the date on which the train is shown.

Passengers from stations on the Southern line not mentioned above may look at these cheap rates to Albury, and travel by the ordinary trains to the nearest station at which the special train is timed to stop.

CHAS. GOODMAN,  
Commissioner for Railways.

Department of Railways, Sydney, 15th September, 1888.

## R O S E B R I L L R A C E S.

WEDNESDAY, 19th SEPTEMBER, 1888.

On the above date, Special Trains will leave Sydney for the Excursion as under:

11.35 a.m.—1st class.  
12.8 p.m.—1st class, picking up passengers at Homebush.  
12.20 p.m.—2nd class, picking up passengers at Homebush.  
12.35 p.m.—1st class, picking up passengers at Petersham.  
12.50 p.m.—2nd class, picking up passengers at Petersham.  
1.35 p.m.—1st class, picking up passengers at Homebush.  
2.35 p.m.—1st class, picking up passengers at Petersham.  
3.35 p.m.—1st class, picking up passengers at Petersham.

A special train for horses will leave Sydney at 10.35 a.m., and return from the course at 5 p.m.

Tickets for the Grand Stand, the Hill, and the Flat can be obtained at the Office, George-street, and the Southern Booking Office, Pitt-street, George-street, and the Southern

Post Office, Pitt-street.

A LTERATION IN THE RUNNING OF SUB-URBAN TRAINS.

WEDNESDAY, 19th SEPTEMBER.

NOTICE is hereby given that on the ABOVE DATE the ordinary train timed to leave Sydney for Parramatta at 11.30 a.m. will leave at 11.45 a.m. instead.

CHAR. A. GOODMAN,  
Commissioner for Railways.

Department of Public Works, Sydney, 15th September, 1888.

## TENDERS FOR PUBLIC WORKS AND SUPPLIES.

For conditions see Government Circular.

Nature of Works and Supplies.

Duing to which  
Tenders  
can be received at  
this office.

KNIGHT CONTRACTS, (Mr. Colonial Architect's Department (Architects) for:-

Masons and Painters' Work

Painters' and Glaziers' Work

Plasterers' Work

Repair, &amp;c., Post-office, Willemina

Erection of Bridge over Warrego River at

Footbridge, road to Hangeron.

Repairs to Police Buildings, &amp;c.

Alterations General Post Office, Sydney

Museum and Art Gallery, Pitt-street.

Fiction of the Royal Mint, Australia.











would arise out of the tariff proposals of the Government, and the trouble has come. The Treasurer's refusal to propose an increase in the stock tax was followed by action on the part of the Opposition, on whose behalf Mr. MUNRO moved a resolution in favour of increasing both the stock tax and the grain duties. This resolution, which was treated as a motion of want of confidence, was rejected by 51 to 26, but the Government only got this large majority by promising its supporters that the question should be fully dealt with in Committee. When the Committee stage was reached, a series of divisions took place, which amounted almost to the defeat of the Government. A motion to increase the duty on fat cattle from 5s. to 20s. was lost by only one vote, and the vote which turned the scale was found afterwards to have been given in mistake. An amendment raising the duty on horses from 5s. to 20s. was carried by one vote, and a proposal to increase the duty on pigs was lost by the casting vote of the Chairman. As to the grain duties, so great was the majority in favour of raising them that the Government did not attempt to divide the House on the question. In this matter, in fact, it did not attempt to resist the will of the protectionist members. But Ministers had declared that under no circumstances would they consent to the unneighbourly and anti-federal course of raising the stock tax, and the decisions of the Committee placed them in a very awkward position. They took time to consider the situation, and their decision was communicated to the House by the PREMIER last night.

Several courses were open to the Government. They might have accepted the amendments or endeavoured to get the votes reversed; they might have asked the GOVERNOR to at once dissolve Parliament, or they might have tendered their resignation. They have not adopted any of these courses. While they were prepared to accept the alterations in the grain duties, they could not in honour consent to the increase in the stock tax. On the other hand, they did not feel justified in asking the House to reverse its decision, nor did they think it fair to advise an instant dissolution of Parliament. The representation under the present electoral law is unequal, and until there has been a redistribution of seats, an appeal to the country would be a "sham" and a "fraud." As to resigning, the Ministry urge very fairly that as they enjoy the general confidence of the Assembly there would be no sense in adopting that course. What they have determined upon doing is this: As they see no prospect of carrying their Budget proposals they intend to abandon them, and to push on with the Electoral Amendment Bill, so that when the question is referred to the constituencies the basis of representation may be a fair one. The Government has adopted the right course, but whether it will be able to carry out its programme, notwithstanding the fact that it has obtained assurances of support from a caucus of its supporters, remains to be seen. If it had accepted the stock tax amendments it would have beaten its words and been unworthy the name of a Government. The House could not have been asked with propriety to reverse its decision, while resignation in the present state of parties would only have led to confusion. The dissolution of Parliament is the true solution of the difficulty, the only solution, in fact; but if the basis of representation is unfair, Ministers do right to put off the appeal to the country, if they can, until things have been placed upon a more satisfactory footing. In a time of political excitement, however, an electoral bill is not likely to have a good chance. Those who are well off under the existing law will naturally be averse to any alteration, and a measure of this kind is sure to be hotly opposed, and most probably obstructed. In anticipation of the adoption of some such course as that which the Government has resolved to take, the Opposition has already made threats of obstruction, and it is evident that there are troublous times in store for the Administration.

The outcome of the political crisis in Victoria is so far satisfactory that no increase of the stock tax can now take place until there has been an appeal to the people. What will be the result of that appeal it would be hard to say. Victoria is a protectionist colony, and there is reason to believe that under any plan of representation a majority of votes would be cast for protection if the simple issue of Protection v. Free Trade was raised. But according to Victorian politicians this is not a simple question of free trade and protection; Mr. GILLIES went so far as to say in the debate last night that "the increase in the stock tax was in no way considered as involving the question of free trade and protection." This is a curious position to take up. If the stock tax is not a protective duty, what is it? To say that it does not involve the question of free trade and protection is little better than nonsense. That it involves something more, and raises other questions besides that of free trade and protection, is true enough. It raises the question as to whether communities which adjoint each other should be brought more closely together or driven more widely apart. There can be no question that in proportion as one colony taxes the products of its neighbour there will be a loosening of the bonds which have held the two together, or an aggravation of the estrangement that may have previously existed. And yet we continue to have put before us the extraordinary argument that protection is a step towards federation; that if free-trade New South Wales wishes for federation she should adopt a protective policy, and that protective Victoria is never doing so much to advance Australasian federation as when she is taking steps to more effectually shut out the goods of her neighbours. This is perfectly consistent on the part of our Victorian friends, but it is a trifling perplexity, for while they have been crying out for federation more loudly than anyone else, they have been doing their best to make federation impossible. In the debates which have taken place in the Victorian Assembly during the last week or two the extraordinary argument that protection and federation go together has been repeated, and those who use it really seem to believe in it, a fact which is even stranger than the argument. This, of course, is the reasoning of the protectionists, who want higher duties; the free-traders, who want the duties to be removed or reduced,

argue just the other way. Victorian protectionists should ask themselves this question, "Supposing we were asked to vote for federation to-morrow, what would our decision be?" There can be only one answer. Federation would sweep away all duties between colony and colony, and the imposts which the Victorian protectionists are now fighting for so determinedly would go with the rest. The reply would unquestionably be, "Let us wait a bit—give us our stock."

Mr. Justice WRENFORDELEY has refused to grant leave to appeal to the Privy Council against the judgment of the Supreme Court of Victoria in the case of AH TOV, the Chinese. The application was made on Friday last under an Order of Council which limits the jurisdiction of the Court in granting leave to appeal wherein the amount involved exceeds £500. In this case the claim of the plaintiff was for £1000, and it was contended that, as the plaintiff might under the judgment receive more than £500, the Court had power to grant leave to appeal. The refusal, however, was based upon the ground that the amount involved has yet to be determined by an assessment, and that the application, having thus been made before the final entry of judgment for the plaintiff, was premature. This reasoning seems sufficiently clear, because the amount involved in the judgment is not the sum claimed by the plaintiff, but the sum that may be awarded to him; and if it be said that this may exceed £500, it may also be said with perhaps equal probability that it may fall below that sum. It seems to follow, however, that as the application was refused because it was premature, it may be renewed hereafter if the damages should be assessed at more than £500. At the time of the decision upon the Chinese cases in this colony something was said about the possibility of an appeal, but nothing more has been heard about the matter. The question was raised here by applications for writs of habeas corpus, and not by actions for damages. Perhaps in either case the question could be brought before the Privy Council by means of a petition. It seems desirable that this question should be placed beyond doubt by the Court of final appeal, because the interests of all the colonies are affected by it. The rule as to civil rights representing more than £500 in value may be founded on sound considerations of expediency, because without it the Privy Council might be overwhelmed by appeals on questions of trifling importance. But it is equally true that as they enjoy the general confidence of the Assembly there would be no sense in adopting that course. What they have determined upon doing is this: As they see no prospect of carrying their Budget proposals they intend to abandon them, and to push on with the Electoral Amendment Bill, so that when the question is referred to the constituencies the basis of representation may be a fair one. The Government has adopted the right course, but whether it will be able to carry out its programme, notwithstanding the fact that it has obtained assurances of support from a caucus of its supporters, remains to be seen. If it had accepted the stock tax amendments it would have beaten its words and been unworthy the name of a Government. The House could not have been asked with propriety to reverse its decision, while resignation in the present state of parties would only have led to confusion. The dissolution of Parliament is the true solution of the difficulty, the only solution, in fact; but if the basis of representation is unfair, Ministers do right to put off the appeal to the country, if they can, until things have been placed upon a more satisfactory footing. In a time of political excitement, however, an electoral bill is not likely to have a good chance. Those who are well off under the existing law will naturally be averse to any alteration, and a measure of this kind is sure to be hotly opposed, and most probably obstructed. In anticipation of the adoption of some such course as that which the Government has resolved to take, the Opposition has already made threats of obstruction, and it is evident that there are troublous times in store for the Administration.

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#### NEWS OF THE DAY.

The installation of Lord Carrington as the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons was yesterday accomplished, with all the rites and ceremonies of the craft. The event took place in the Exhibition Building, in the presence of the largest assemblage of Masons ever yet gathered in lodges in Australia. The ceremony of installation was performed by Bro. Way, Chief Justice of New South Wales. Following the installation a banquet was held in the Elite Skating Rink, at which Lord Carrington presided over a gathering of 1170 brethren. The toast of the evening—"The Grand Master of New South Wales"—was proposed by Pro. G. M. Dr. Tarrant, and responded to by Lord Carrington, who, in the course of his speech, said he was certain that the union which

had taken place would receive the recognition of the English constitution, and he assured them of the deep interest the Prince of Wales took in all Masonic matters which transpired in the colonies. The proceedings were marked by the greatest enthusiasm.

The Premier and Miss Parkes entertained at luncheon at their residence, Balmain, yesterday, his Excellency the Governor and Lady Carrington, the Hon. Sir Alfred Stephen (Lieutenant-Governor), and Miss Stephen, Lady Darley, Mr. Chief Justice Way (of South Australia), Sir John Hay (President of the Legislative Council), and Lady Hay; the Hon. J. H. Young (Speaker of the Legislative Assembly), and Mrs. Young. The Hon. Sir Fred. M. Darley, Chief Justice, was detained by important business in the Supreme Court.

Some correspondence has been placed in our hands respecting certain surveys made by Mr. J. P. Sharkey, in respect to proposed railway lines from Richmond to Eakland and from Richmond to Wallerawang, via Bell's line. The report to the first, Mr. Sharkey forwarded to the Minister for Works plans section, and report of a short railway line from Darigan's Creek to the bottom point of the Zigzag, by which the steep grades approaching and forming the Clarence zigzag would be avoided. Mr. Sharkey's exploration showed that for 17 miles from Mount Wilson towards Richmond, the steeper grade than one in 60 need be accepted, and that for the whole of the length the opening of more than 4ft. would be required. The cutworks would not be necessary, with the exception of one at Mount Tomah where a tunnel of any magnitude would be required. A tunnel of 70 chains would pass Mount Tomah. The plan and section of part of Bell's line covered 4 miles 50 chains, starting from Mount Wilson. The smallest curve is of 12 chains radius. The grades are two in one, one in 96 and one in 63. Of tunnels there are three—404s. yards, 1322s. yards, and 297 yards, making a total of 825 linear yards, or 53 yards less than half a mile. Mr. J. Whittton, Engineer-in-Chief for Railways, in forwarding the plans &c., to the Minister for Works, in a minute appended, referring to the Bell's line route, says he thinks the construction of the railway by this route would be very costly. The length would be the same as that of the line already constructed. The length of tunnels would be about 41 miles. Several viaducts from 100ft. to 200ft. in height would be required, also a viaduct of about a mile over the river Hawkesbury at Richmond, in addition to exceedingly heavy earthworks throughout. The summit level is about 200ft. above that of the Western line.

Baron the reading of evidence, which is of a very voluminous character, nothing was done yesterday in the equity appeal Blunt and others v. Terry and others before the Full Court, and the case will probably last for two days longer. In the Jury Court Mr. Justice Windyer and a jury of four were engaged in two actions of a somewhat trivial nature. In the first—O'Sullivan and others v. Stevens—plaintiffs sought to recover the sum of £23 19s. 3d., being the value of 20 cases 19s. tins of condensed milk short delivered out of a consignment of 1000 cases by the ship Albera, of which defendant is master. The second action—Conway v. Gearin—was one brought by plain iff to recover compensation for a serious assault, alleged to have been committed upon him by defendant during a public house brawl at Botany over an aldermanic election. The case is not yet concluded.

The Vine Disease Board, consisting of Messrs. C. Moore (chairman), C. M. Kay, M.D., F. Ferguson, J. Kidd, and J. A. Wilkinson, together with the secretary, Mr. G. J. Martin, and the inspector, Mr. A. T. Pringle, visited Canunda on Wednesday last, and on Thursday and Friday were actively engaged in inspecting the infected vineyards, holding meetings, receiving claims for compensation, and deciding upon future operations. The members of the board appear determined to enforce the provisions of the Act irrespective of persons, and their proceedings were characterized by much energy.

In connection with the proposed cutting to North Willoughby and the surrounding district to be given to Sir Henry Parkes, a meeting was held at Sir Henry's Exchange Hotel on Monday afternoon. The Mayor of North Willoughby was in the chair, and several aldermen and other influential residents were present. After some discussion it was determined that the meeting should be adjourned, and that the adjourned meeting should be held on Thursday, the 20th instant in the East St. Leonards Hall.

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Mr. FREDERICK LEE has forwarded to us a copy of a letter written by him to his Excellency the Governor, on the 17th instant, in reference to the case of the man Hewitt, recently executed for murder, in which he prays for the appointment of a Royal Commission to investigate the whole of this "extraordinary and unparalleled case." Appended is Lord Carrington's reply, through the private secretary, in which he says: "As the case was most fully and accurately inquired into previous to and after the conviction, his Excellency regrets that he is unable to accede to your request that the matter should be reopened."

The sitting of the Commission was adjourned until October 22.

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MOTIONS to examine Mr. EGAN in America, and for the release of Mr. JOHN DILLON, M.P. for East Mayo, now undergoing a sentence of imprisonment under the Crimes Act, were considered premature. It is understood, however, that Mr. Dillon will be allowed out on bail during the sitting of the Commission, on condition that he refrains from taking part in any public matters.

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